Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 17 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Friday 18 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 17 Dec 2020 at 03:35 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday. High for changeable weather into the weekend, low for detail on Friday.

Headline for Thursday 17 Dec 2020: Occasional showers in the morning, mainly dry afternoon. Rain by evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 17 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain showers (night)	Light rain showers	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
60%	40%	20%	30%	70%	70%

Forecast for Thursday 17 Dec 2020

Weather: Occasional showers in the morning, some longer spells of rain across Argyll, snow above 1000 metres. Becoming mainly dry in the afternoon but rain will return from the west by early evening

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%. Widespread cloud down to 500 to 700 metres, best of the breaks across Arran and Kintyre, and the more sheltered eastern Trossachs. Some breaks developing in the afternoon before cloud becomes more extensive by dark.

Visibility: Mostly very good outside of cloud and showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	34/41 SW	33/41 SW	34/44 SW	35/44 S	45/57 S	44/57 S	35/46 SW
900	26/33 SW	23/32 SW	26/36 SW	24/33 S	30/41 S	30/42 S	26/37 SW
600	35/42 SW	32/39 SW	33/42 SW	31/40 S	41/52 S	40/51 S	31/41 SW
300	17/27 SW	15/25 SW	17/28 SW	17/28 S	21/32 S	20/32 S	17/28 S
Glen	13/25 SW	11/24 SW	14/27 SW	8/20 S	12/28 S	13/30 S	12/26 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-1/-10	-0/-9	-0/-9	-1/-10	0/-9	2/-6	2/-5
900	1/-6	2/-5	2/-5	1/-6	2/-4	4/-2	4/-1
600	4/-3	4/-3	4/-2	4/-2	6/-0	7/1	7/1
300	6/1	6/2	6/2	6/2	7/3	9/5	9/5
Glen	7/4	8/4	8/5	7/5	9/6	10/8	10/8
Freezing Level*	1100m	1200m	1100m	1100m	1700m	1800m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Icy surfaces expected on the very highest tops.

Forecast for Friday 18 Dec 2020
Weather: Low confidence for detail. Apart from some light rain in the south of the area the morning should be dry. The afternoon will be cloudy with widespread heavy rain spreading from the south, this lasting into the evening. Thaw of some lying snow at higher altitudes as freeing levels continue to rise in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Summit southerly severe gales or storm force winds expected, gusts to 70 mph over the higher tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Extensive low cloud between 500 and 700 metres expected throughout the day, although some breaks across Argyll and Lochaber possible in the morning.

Visibility: Mostly good outside of cloud and rain

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 rising to 10 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 7 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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